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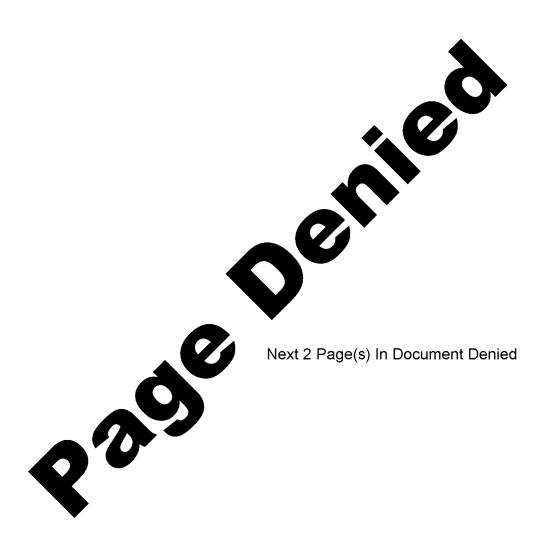
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than had originally been thought of. One expected a known harvest of between 5-3% leass than the previous year. On the other hand, the potator hervests are just below normal. They are on the known average in Rostock Bezirk 190 dz per hectar. The soil become much hardened known because of the long dryness so that it is extrapely difficult to use potator combines. In the Bezirk Rostock by the 5th of this month still a half of the pot toes will not have been harvested. Also the sugar beets have had completely unsatisfactory results. The best harvests have 260 dozen per hectar. The harvest goes very slowly forwards. "ecause of the transnound hardness of the soil the turnips are very difficult to get out of the ground. The tops lark almost everywhere, and this is where the highest sugar content is. The use of

combines is almost impossible. The LPG has for contast has had to transpor 50X1-HUN vater to the farmers for for the cattle from the people stc, since the wells have friven up. often the well water has not even been sufficient to cover the human needs. The shortage of water is almost more difficult to bridge than the shortage of raw fooder and brets. The sweet fruit crops has brought only a small amount of green amounts, and have brown very little and are very small, so that they are used for feeding the cattle. reat difficulties also e ist in the fall cultivation. Frequently the ploud don't go through the soil at all and there where they are set in deeply only the makin are broken up. From here seed beets are almost impossible to make. Suncexxoxkxox Such kinds of xixix difficulties that have appeared in the fall cultivation this year, have not neen seen xxinxx from time ixxxxiixx As a consequence of this the entire ra's ore extremely meager - and the winter wheat that has iliu been harvested ILLEGIB is also very meager. Extremely ge great this year has been the damage caused by field mouses.

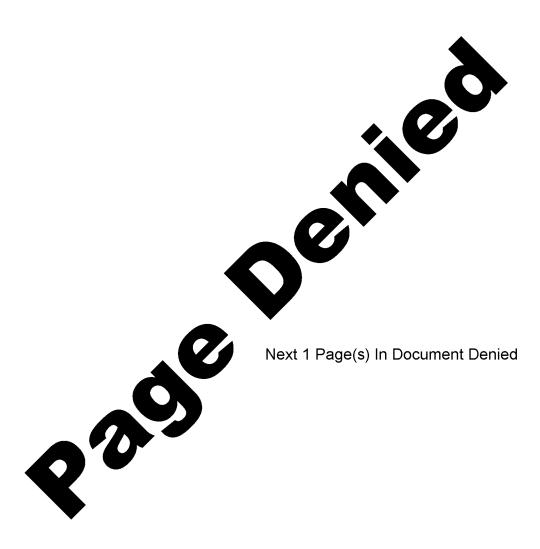
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everagewise the private farmers was poid 200 Di per hectar for soil improvement work. In do fat as the farmers refuce to pay the amount, as they have not given their assent for the carrying out of the work, then the money for the milk at

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The SED officials from the LPG assemblies to convince the members of the LPG that it is correct to unite with the other LPG's to a large Kolchose. The pxx perspective plan provides that in some parts of the Eegirk already are pooling together several LPG(s into a Large Kolchosen by 1960, although the LPG- members have refused strenuously to accept this concept. The smallest of the Big Kolchose is to amount is xix for the time being an average of 2000 hectars Leg. At very many of the LPG's complete magnishs are edings, when the uniting comes into the conversation, then it turns into a tunnituous scene. These are often spurred on by the chairmen and other functionaries, because as soon as king the pressure large Kolchosen come about, they will lose their jobs.



As the private farmers in Yx Vorpommern have not only saveu 50X1-HUM potatoe harvest and for the most part, the sugar beets are also already out of the ground, the LPG's are still very far behind with he their work. The Bezirk Rostock has published in the press that the clearing of the potatoes is 100% ready. According to its observation, still however at least 20% of the potatoe fields can be cleared. Added to this is the shortage of laborers, which gleans the potatoe fields. The potatoe combines have in this year worked particularly poorly, about 30% of the potatoe harvests have remained on the fields after the reaping of the combines. The harvests in Bezirk Restt Rostock should amount to 180 dz per hectar on the average. Sugar beets are to be about 240 dz per hectar. The sugar percentage in this year is about 2% higher than last year and may amount to 17-18%. The school children have been extensively put into the shell fruit harvesting in the LPG's. One can well say that the children work 3 days of the week in the LPG and at the most have still 3 was days of school. Ostensibly these so-called most performed polytechnically instruction days during the course of the winter are to be saved. This was said at least to the parents of the children when they complained over the constant employment of the children. The mix utilization of the MTS machines was in this year on the basis of the dryness and the hardened soil particularly difficult. Already afterm a short time, the working performance came to a stop particularly in the case of the combines, as bolts, sprockets, etc. broke and replacements are not available in enough quantity. Although the potatoes and also the turnip combines have been out of action for 2 days. If the members of the LPG have been asked to collect by hand often it is refused with the reasoning that they have been promised that all work would be done by machine. The LPG attent attempted to borrow ix the old uprocting machine from the private farmers. The private farmers refused this with the reasoning that, the soil is much too hard and in a short time the uprooting machine would become defective.

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Bezirk Rostock being carried on at the most to 50%. The tractors with their plows on the xxx stubble fields simply did not go into the ground and it was only partly plowed and the machine looked as if it had been in an explosion in a stone quarry. For these reasons one has tried to cultivate the reaped shell fruit areas with winter seed. The seeding is very poor and according to the opinion of specialists must be recultivated in the spring.

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The SED officials have now tried to carry on the unifying of several LPG into a large Kolchosen. This makes not only problems with with the LPG members but also with the managing committee and with the SED Relies Political-Secretary for the is LPG himself. They know exactly that then their places can be saved and they them themselves mi must perform manual work as a member of h the LPG. Through this sort of constant agitation, the working morale of the LPG members becomes worse from week to week, Many of the farmers who originally did not have to join but nevertheless became members of the LPG and tad today are sorry for joing this organization, are the best propagandists for the private farmers, in so far as they have contact with one another. In conversations they warn the r private farmers against joining and give their own exe examples and what happened to them. Although it is clearly evident, with which great difficulties the LPG must struggle with, a heavier pressure is being made on the private farmers through the LPG grang propaganda brigade, for them to join the LPG's. Since they cannot be won over with speeches alone, in some of the Krisesin the Bezirk Rostock the farmers are not being given any more artificial fertilizer for the fall cultivation. Nothing is to be said about making available seeds for the fall cultivation. The refusal to deliver the artifical fertilizer is to apply for the entire year for the private farmers and only after 1960 will they once again be able to receive artificial fertilizer. This will show up naturally in the harvest yields of is the coming year.

In general, the MAXMANIA weather in late summer and beginning of fall.

was very favorable so that the entire after crop of wheat without a doubt could have been saved. The independent fr farmers MAXMA have also completely